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#### A Business Proposition for the Speaker.

Through the influence of the Speaker, the House organization has declared against the following public building and other projects relating to the District of Columbia: .

The purchase of a site for buildings for the Department of State, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Commerce and

The extension of Rock Creek Park.

The purchase of Meridian Hill as a site for a new park.

The purchase for use as parks of triangles and other spaces at Sixteenth street and Columbia road, Sixteenth street and the Piney Branch road, Sixteenth street and Park road, Seventeenth street and Park road, Eleventh street and Rhode Island avenue.

The erection of an armory for the District National Guard.

In explanation of the Speaker's position it is urged that the omnibus public building bill, which carries most of these items, is already laden too heavily, that it carries over \$21,000,000, that the House has added unwarrantably to other bills, and that there must be retrenchment somewhere. The inference suggested is that the retrenchment will hurt the organization of the House less if the District of Columbia is the sufferer than if it were evenly assessed against all the beneficiaries

No institution in the District would find more satisfaction in the extension of the parking system of the Capital than The Times. This paper would be particularly gratified if the District could acquire small triangles and other lesser parking spaces throughout the city. The Rock Creek Park project, desirable as it is, appeals to The Times less strongly than one to buy and convert into parking tracts various plots in the northeast section of the city, for example, or the southwest section. for another example.

But the whole matter of parks does not present itself to Congress in as urgent a situation as the need for the new buildings indicated. They are not adornments, or even luxuries which the people of the nation might rightly regard as necessities for their Capital. They are means of economy. The plan to erect them is a business propositionand unless The Times is greatly mistaken as much of a business proposition as any of the allowances to the other cities named in the omnibus public building act and passed by the Speaker.

The Government's borrowing rate is about 1.9 per cent. It pays annually as rental for the District National Guard about \$12,000. The rent bill is, therefore, the interest on \$631,570. Without taking into account the loss to the Government through the use of inadequate quarters, the scattering of its offices, and waste time, the construction of a National Guard building at any figure less than \$631,570 would be a measure of practical economy.

But the provision in the omnibus public building bill does not go even that far. It carries no appropriation whatever. It provides merely that Armory Square shall be dedicated for use as the site of a national guard building and authorizes three officials of the Government, already under salary, to prepare plans and specifications for the building. Wherein the elimination of this item from the measure reduces its total would be hard to determine.

What has been said of the national guard building is more impressively true of the \$3,000,000 item carried in the sundry civil bill for the purchase of office sites for the three departments named. These columns have argued the case of those buildings more than once. Every consideration of national pride and self-respect should move Congress to make the allowances inserted in the bill by the Senate.

But if national pride and self-respect will not reach the Speaker as forces helpful to his organization, let him consider national economy. It applies to this project as effectively as to any other similar one which could be cited. The Government pays now as rental for departmental quarters, not the interest on \$3,000,000 or \$6,000,000, but the interest on \$18,000,000 and that sum takes no account of the loss through inefficient and inconvenient service due to the present accommodations, Calculating those items also, the annual outlay on bad departmental accommodations is the interest on \$34,000,000, in which the three departments indicated have more than their share.

The Speaker is above all a business man. Let him corsider these public building items in the light of good business administration.

#### Paul Jones Fiction.

not even excepting the redoubtable tent concoct their works with a tis-Capt. John Smith, has been the sub- sue of falsity. ject of more biography that "ain't so" than has John Paul Jones. For a long time it has been known how difficult was the task of getting together enough accurate data concerning our dashing naval here to Street Journal, is in a parlous state form a connected life story, and a number of authors sat frankly down to write what they knew and acknowledged was chiefly fiction. For knowledged was chiefly fiction. For such the public, provided it under-discrimination, thus saying:

such the public, provided it understood the situation, justly had respect. A good story-teller is as worthy as a dull historian.

But what are we to say of a man who deliberately puts before the world a work claiming to be historical truth, but which is filled with lies, inventions and even forgeries?

Such a book, we are forced to believe is the "Life of Paul Jones" things as they find them in this city before good the situation, thus saying:

The general newspapers give a column and a half and a "spread head" on the first page to an account of the death of a great thoroughbred horse. They give a half column on an inside page to the death of America's greatest chess player, of whom it is said he was "one of the mental marvels of the age." Is a horse better than a man? Does brute strength possess more interest than mental power?

Even newspapers have to take the first and Mrs. Augustus R. I. Foote have issued eards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Leila Johnson, to Francis Elmore Cady, of Brookline, Mass. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith at the residence of the bride's parents, Tuesday afternoon, June 25, only the immediate families of the contracting parties being present.

Milton Hahn, who is studying medicine at Johns Hopkins University, spent a short while at his home in this city before going to New York for the sumlieve, is the "Life of Paul Jones" things as they find them in this published in 1900 by Augustus C. world, and a newspaper man in Buell, now dead.

nounce the work of a man who has take into account the things that gone, it is impossible to feel any further respect for the volume that was once hailed as the final word in Jonesiana. A number of investiga- concern about the passing of the tors have made an exhaustive study brilliant chess player, but the large of the 860 Jones manuscripts in the majority of readers everywhere felt Congressional Library, and they as- the deeper inferest in the horse. It Congressional Library, and they assert convincingly that Buell "committed deliberate forgery, invented letters from Washington and Franklin, printed false extracts from the series of Long birself the series of Long birself that they are modeled by its series of Long birself that they are modeled by its series of Long birself that they are modeled by its series of Long birself that they are modeled by its series of Long birself that they are modeled by its series of Long birself that they are modeled by its series of Long birself that Buell "commentary on our national spirit, but it is a fact, nevertheless. And newspapers are less moders of public sentiimaginary journals of Jones himself ment than they are molded by it. and 'quotations' from diaries of the period which had never existed outside Buell's imagination."

Of course all this does not particularly affect Jones' standing in the United States navy, except, perhaps, as the "farker" of it—which he was not—but it kills off many an entertaining anecdote and suggests new thoughts about history writing in general. "Read me anything but history," cried Sir Robert Walpole "Suffering!" echoed Mrs. Jones, contemptuously.

"Why, ves; didn't you know that?" asked Mrs. Brown.

"Yes, I heard she had got appendicitis," replied Mrs. Jones, "but, Lor'! judging by the way they bragged about it, I thought it was some sort of pianoplayer! What is it, anyway?"—Exchange. as the "farher" of it-which he was

Probably no hero of American life, trust, do historians with serious in-

#### Horse v, Chess-Player.

Our highly respected and entertaining contemporary, the Wall Street Journal, is in a parlous state because of the relative attention paid to the deaths of Pillsbury, the chess master, and Sysonby, the race horse. It grieves especially because

world, and a newspaper man in dealing with events that he is to lay before the people must and does take into account the third world. D. Prince has returned from a short trip to New York city, while the Misses Prince have returned to their before the people must and does take into account the third world.

#### SHE NEVER HAD IT.

They were hammering away at the latest scandal, when the conversation turned in the direction of a Mrs. Tittlesay, a new arrival in the next street. "I hear she's suffering from appendicitis," declared Mrs. Brown. "Suffering!" echoed Mrs. Jones, contemptuously.

# MRS. ROOSEVELT TO OYSTER BAY

President Uncertain When He Can Join Family at "Summer White House."

#### TAFT AT BEDFORD SPRINGS

Secretaries Root, Metcalf, and Bonaparte and Justice Brewer Attending College Commencements.

Mrs. Roosevelt left the White House at \$ o'clock this morning, accompanied by several maids. Upon her arrival in New York she will be met by one of the President's carriages and his coachman and footman, who are now aboard the Sylph. They will take Mrs. Roose-yelt on board the boat and to Oyster Bay, where the younger children of the family await her.

President Roosevelt can make no plans for his departure, depending upon the close of Congress for the exact date. He will take a day or two in which to close up affairs about the White House before leaving for Oyster Bay. He hopes to be there in time for the Fourth of July ceremonies, in which he always takes a part.

John F. Stevens, chief engineer of the Isthmian canal, and Mrs Stevens will leave Washington on the late train tonight for New York and Thursday will sail for Panama. A handsome residence awaits them there which was built by the Government especially for Mr. Stevens. Mrs. Stevens will return to Washington in September, after mak ing a trip to the West.

The Colombian legation here has been advised that Dr. Guillermo Valencia will be one of Colombia's delegates to the Pan-American conference.

Lieutenant Commander de Blanpre, the newly appointed naval attache of the French embassy, was presented to the President by the Ambassador of France at the White House yesterday.

Theodore Hansen, first secretary of the Russian embassy, whose illness has caused his friends much concern, is fast caused his friends much concern, is last improving in the last few days. It is thought by his physician that another month will find him strong enough to take the voyage to Russia to join his mother and brother in St. Fetersburg.

Mrs. Herbert H. D. Pelect, whose husband has just been confirmed as minister to Norway, expets to leave Washington Thursday for Boston, where she will meet her sons, Herbert B. Peirce, who is at Harvard, and the younger son, Horatio J. Peirce, who is a student at St. Mark's Southboro School. The minister and Mrs. Peirce will sail for Europe July 15.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Durand, who sailed from this country a short time ago, are now in Paris.

Secretary Taft left Washington this ing Viscountess de Faramond in New morning for Bedford Springs, Pa., and York, will sail with them for Europe tonight will deliver an address before the Bar Association of Pennsylvania.

Secretary Bonaparte went to Boston oday to attend the commencement ex-

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The wedding of Miss Helene Wyman, daughter of former United States Treasurer and Mrs. A. U. Wyman, and Lieut. William S. Neely, Twenty-second Infantry, United States army, will take

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus R. I. Foote



MME. DE MARGERIE.

Whose Husband, a Former Counselor of the French Embassy Here, Has Just Been Raised to the Rank of Minister. He Is Now at the French Embassy at Madrid.

## French Ambassador Gives Dinner to Small Party

Society's Leaders Flitting to Mountains and Seashore for Heated Term-General Miles Goes to Michigan, Guest of Daughter.

night Senator Lodge, the Assistant Sec-retary of State, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Captain Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Walcott, Capt. F. E. C. Ryan, Walter Berry, the Counselor of the French Embassy and Mme. des Portes de la Fosse, Mile. des Portes de la Fosse, Commander de Faramond, Lieu-tenant Commander and Mme. de Blanpre, Captain Fournier, Mr. Pesson-Didion, of the French School of Mines, and Mr. Velet.

Viscount de Faramond, the retiring naval attache of the French embassy Secretary Root left Washington today of Utica, N. Y., to attend the meeting of the trustees of Hamilton College, at Clinton, N. Y. in company with the Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand tomorrow, and meet-

Dr. Vogel, the minister from Switzertoday to attend the commencement exercises at Harvard University. As sentor vice president of the Harvard Alumni Association he will, in the absence of Mr. Choate, the president, introduce the speakers at the ceremonies. nt ex- land, will return to Washington today

DREYFUS AND WIFE

PARIS, June 26.—The enduring interest in the "Dreyfus affair" is again

proved by the fact that the palace of justice, where the Dreyfus revision pro

clety, in art and in letters, who consider themselves fortunate to get in.

in the chamber of deputies between In-

terior Minister Clemenceau and Jaures,

In latervals of listening absorbedly to

hearing whispers that Captain Drey-fus and his wife are estranged. Mme.

leader of the socialist deputies.

PASS IN SILENCE

The French Ambassador and Mme. | Switzerland in the absence of the min-Jusserand entertained at dinner last lister, and after the close of Congress will go to Lenox for the summer.

Col. and Mrs. Samuel Reber, the latter the daughter of Gen. Nelson A. Miles, have taken a cottage at Wequetonsing, in Michigan, and will spend the summer there. General Miles will spend part of the season with them.

Mrs. George F. Huff, wife of Representative Huff, of Pennsylvania, closed her Washington residence yesterday and, accompanied by her family, has gone to her summer home, "Cabin Hill," Greensburg, Pa. Representative Huff will join her at the close of Congress.

Robert Whitney Imbrie, a popular Washington man, will return to his home in this city. Friday, after taking a two years' course in one year at Yale, and receiving the degree of master of law. Mr. Imbrie is a graduate of the George Washington University, of the class of

Mrs. L. Z. Leiter has gone to Bad Kisengen, Germany, to take the cher are a number of other Americans

Miss Julia Thornton Collins, of New York city, is visiting the Misses Thorn-ton, 528 Third street northwest.

speakers at the ceremontes.

Still another Cabinet officer out of the city is Secretary of Commerce and Labor Metcalf, who yesterday, in company with Justice Brewer of the Supreme Court took part in the commencement exercises at Yale.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Loeffler announce the marriage of their daughter, Bessie, to Oscar E. Brotman, of New York, on Sunday, June 24. The young couple will visit Old Point Comfort, Newport News and will sail from New York Thursday on board the marriage of their daughter, Bessie, to Oscar E. Brotman, of New York, on Sunday, June 24. The young couple will visit Old Point Comfort, Newport News legation, will be charge d'affaires for where they will reside.

# FRENCHMAN WINNER OF HALF A RACE

LE MANS, France, June 26 .- Today's rur in the contest for the grand automo-bile prize of 360 miles, over the Sarthe ceedings are going on, is always crowd-circuit, was won by the French con-ed to suffocation by the highest in so-His time was 5 hours 45 minutes and 30

A few slight accidents have been re-This, despite the attractions of the greatest week in the Paris social year ported. One Italian machine was smashed, but the driver escaped unhurt. and the melodramatic debate going on In Place of Bennett Cup.

The grand automobile prize was or ganized by the Automobile to take the

## " IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY" Stole Sweetheart in Her Nightie Down Ladder

Lover Hurried Her to Chicago, Placed Her Behind Barricades and Waited for Her Father With Shotgun and Revolvers.

CENTRALIA, Ill., June 26.-William | Lieferman was under her window. He Monroe, the handsome eighteen-year- She explained that her wardrobe was old daughter of the Rev. Alexander under lock and key. Lieferman wrapped her in his overcoat. They caught the Congregational Church. Congregational Church.

Kidnaps His Daughter.

naped his daughter from the Chicago parsonage. Pastor Monroe has a lonely farm five miles from town. On this farm the city the father is determined to recapture his daughter. The young courle heard of the advent lacks a month of being eighteen.

The minister insisted that she marry

Lieferman, a Lochinvar from Chicago, tossed her a rope ladder and she de-has fied with his sweetheart, Grace scended in night clothes and slippers.

It certainly was awkward for the Barricaded With Girl, Ready for Battle.

bride to race away in her nightrobe, plus one other article which may be called lingerle. Only a pair of cloth slippers covered her "tootsies." It was all for love, and the whole countryside was with her, clothes or no clothes.

CHICAGO, June 26.—Lieferman arrived here this morning with Miss Monroe and immediately conveyed her to the home of his parents, 3:16 Sixtythird place, in Chicago Law... Pastor Monroe and the rejected suitor, Shank-Just a week ago Pastor Monroe kid- lin, took up the pursuit and errived in

farm the girl was kept a prisoner. She lacks a month of heing eighteen of himself and said he would kill the minister if he invaded the house in an at-Shanklin, a dental student, who assisted in the kidnaping. She refused.

Five leading Centralia men offered to assist Lieferman in rescuing the girl. A relay of fast horses was provided in the meantime Lieferman is planning to escape from the home fort with between the farm and Centralia. Last the girl and hide away until they can night, two hours after the girl retired, marry.

# IN THE WORLD

At Age of Thirteen Months Celebrated His Birthday by Child Weighs Seventyone Pounds.

dolph Shotwell and Ethel, her thirteen-dropped down in East Orange, N. J., month-old baby, held an informal recep-friday he would have been forced to retion. It was a repetition of occasions nounce his theory in one case at least. which have been witnessed for several He would have seen the Rev. Dr. Sundays past and to a less extent on John Crowell, surrounded by his sep-

The child is the largest for its age in the world.

Here are some of the babe's measure—as a public official. It was the first

Arm above the elbow, 10 inches. Half way between elbow and wrist, 8

Thigh measure, 18 inches, Around the knee, 12 inches. At the ankle, 6 inches. Height, 36 inches.

Weight, 71 pounds Baby Bright as She Is Big.

Little Ethel is quite as remarkable his ho for baby brightness and good nature as she is for size. Her head, feet, and hands are well proportioned. Her dark eyes are more often sparkling with laughter than filled with tears. She has never been ill.

It has been a prodigious effort to rear Ethel. No baby shoes can be found and patterns have to be adapted for her. had to carry around in their arms heavy next.

The mother weighs 157 pounds, Babe Born on Mother's Eirthday. On April 18, 1905, Mrs. Shotwell's birthday, the babe was born. It weigh-

ed fourteen pounds.

# DOUBTFUL COLUMN

Legislature, Senators, and Five Congressmen Claim of Republicans.

GUTHRIE, Okla., June 26 .- Though the A. D. Frince has returned from, and the set of the set In intervals of listening absorbedly to place of the Gordon Bennett cup race, the lawyers the throng at the Dreyfus from which France withdrew last year, whisners that Cantain Dreypreper will not begin until January, 1907,

# DAY'S REST AT 92; **WORKED 17 YEARS**

Taking a Brief Vacation.

NEW YORK, June 26.—In a lit-dle cottage off the post road to who would chloroform all those human Bloomfield, Staten Island, Mrs. Ran-beings who attain the age of forty, had tuagenarian and octogenarian chums,

> working day in seventeen years that Dr. Crowell had been missing from the city hall of East Orange, where he is secretary of the board of education. "Why not stay at home tomorrow, doctor?" said Vernon L. Davey, superintendent of education. "On a man's ninety-second birthday I think he is entitled to a few hours from active

"What would Dr. Osler say?" inquired the near centenarian, smiling, but keep-ing his feet after a two-mile walk from

So He Forgot Osler.

"Oh, forget him," was Mr. Davey's idvice, and it was taken.

Thus it fell out that Dr. Crowell held

a reception at his home. Dr. J. C. Hepburn, ninety years old, It has been a prodigious effort to rear Ethel. No baby shoes can be found big enough to fit her. Three yards of cloth are necessary to make ler a dress, the product of the Dr. Hepburn, who wears a decoration Mrs. Shotwell says mothers who have from the Emperor of Japan, is the

belies can appreciate her joy now that This meeting kindled talk about the she has obtained a go-cert. This meeting kindled talk about the first locomotive that ever ran over the she has obtained a go-cert.

The Shotwells are in humble circumsoil of the Applejack State. Dr. Crowell stances.

Many a day Mrs. Shotwell has been well-nigh exhausted after carrying Ethel around the house.

Saw it from behind a fence. The Morris and Essex railroad they called the line. It ran from Morristown, where Dr. Crowell began the carreer as a school. Crowell began his career as a school teacher, and extended to the western boundary of Newark.

Every Day at His Desk.

Every day for the last seventeen years Dr. Crowell has been at his desk Baby Ethel has a remarkable capacity for eating and sleeping. She frequently eats a whole potato, a vegetable of which she is very fond. Besides her night sleep the infant takes naps of two hours each in the morning and afternoon. She creeps with surprising alacrity.

York physically for the city hall punctually at a. m. At noon he takes a lively walk to his home in Evergreen place, eats a hearty luncheon, smokes a pipe or two, a.d walks back to the city hall. There is remains until 5 o'clock.

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Famous French Captain and Spouse Have Become Estranged.

Leads in First Day of Auto Contest, Supplanting Bennett Cup.

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Agreement New York physical Hermoon. She creeps with supplied to the cottage to see Ethel. They said she was the most remarkable infant on record.

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Br. Crowell was bern in Philadelphia. He prepared for college long before he was old enough to ent. Working in the Philadelphia custom house in the interim. He taught school in Morristown.

Bennett Cup.

Contest, Supplanting Bennett Cup.

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# LOCKIAW WARNING FOR JULY FOURTH

Toy Pistols and Tetanus Poison Accompany Noisy Patriotism on Independence Day.

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 26.—Just previous to Fourth of July last year